TDC Approved Resident Survey	

Tourist Development Council Questions			
Please indicate your responses to the following questions with a check mark , unless			
otherwise instructed.			
1) Overall, how has tourism in Monroe County affected YOU over the last year? a) Positively † b) Negatively † c) No effect † e) Don't Know †			
2) What do YOU feel are the benefits of tourism to Monroe County? (Please rank the 3 most important in order of preference, where #1 is your highest priority.) Jobs Lower taxes More Events More Recreational Opportunities Cultural Promotion Diversity of Businesses A Strong Economy None Don't Know Other:			
3) What do YOU see as the disadvantages of tourism to Monroe County? (Please rank the 3 most important in order of preference, where #1 is your highest priority.) Traffic Increased Cost of Living Overcrowding Environmental Degradation Loss of community character Noise Garbage None Don't Know Other:			
 4a) Should Monroe County try to attract a) More Visitors: † † Same Number of Visitors: † c) Fewer Visitors: † d) Don't Know † 			
4b) If you answered "More Visitors" in Question 4a, do you think we should continue to attract more visitors even if the impact would be to increase the disadvantages (as per question #3)? † YES † NO			
4c) If you answered "Fewer Visitors" in Question 4a, do you think we should attract fewer visitors even if the impact would be fewer tourism benefits (as per question #2)? † YES † NO			
4d) What sort of visitor do you think we should be trying to attract for your community? Please check each option you agree with. repeat visitors longer stay visitors eco-tourists high income tourists families couples daytrippers cruiseship passengers gay/lesbian seniors fishermen/women boaters divers cultural/historical visitors don't know Other:			

5) Please indicate with an **X** to what extent YOU agree with the following **tourism** statements:

DISAGREE DISAGREE AGREE AGREE DON'T STRONGLY STRONGLY KNOW

- 1) Tourism means more leisure facilities and more quality events are available for residents to enjoy.
- 2) Tourism is **good** for the economy.
- 3) The **benefits** of the current level of tourism are **greater** than the **costs**.
- 4) My community is **better maintained** because of tourism.
- 5) Tourism **forces up** the **prices** for residents.
- 6) Funding tourism draws money away from projects for residents
- 7) The natural **environment** is **harmed** by tourism.
- 8) My **everyday activities** are made more **difficult** due to tourism.

Board of County Commissioners Questions

- 1) There are 5 District Advisory Committees (**DACs**), serving Key West, the Lower Keys, Marathon, Islamorada and Key Largo. DACS recommend spending priorities for their particular geographic area (and a total of 1/3 of the bed tax) to the TDC. Presently, each DAC has 9 members: 3 from the tourist industry lodging sector, 3 from the tourist industry not in the lodging sector and 3 not engaged in the tourism industry to represent the general public. What is YOUR opinion of the **make-up** of the DACs?
 - † †Prefer Present Membership (6 from tourism industry and 3 from the general public)
 - † #Prefer an equal number of members from the tourist industry and the general public
 - † #Prefer membership of 3 from the tourist industry and 6 from the general public
 - † #Other:
 - † †Don't Know

- 2) Excluding administrative expenses and emergency reserves, approximately **76%** of TDC funds are spent for **promotion** (advertising, sales, research, events, etc.), and **24%** for **local capital projects**. <u>Please indicate</u> which of the following statements you agree with:
 - † The TDC should spend more on promotion.
 - † The TDC should spend more on local capital projects.
 - † The TDC should maintain its current levels of spending.
 - † Don't know.

3) Expenditures of TDC funds are controlled by state law, and must be related to tourism.
If the TDC were to spend more BED TAX money locally, rank your preference for the
following possible expenditures from 1 to 8, with #1 being your most preferred option.

 Construct/maintain a convention center or auditorium for secondary use as
a community/cultural center
 Construct/maintain a sports stadium or arena for secondary use as a
recreational facility
 Construct/maintain museums and historical sites
 Construct/maintain zoological parks, artificial reefs, fishing piers, and
nature centers/parks
 Maintain and renourish public beaches , including erosion control
 Protect, clean and enhance public shorelines
 Construct/maintain beach park facilities (i.e., lighting, grills, tiki huts,
bathrooms, boat ramps)
 Monitor water quality at public beaches and pay for any permissible
maintenance/improvement costs

4) Would YOU support **increasing** the **bed tax** (tax on lodging accommodations) by another cent if this money was for local expenditures, as detailed in Question #8?

† YES † NO

Growth Management Questions

- 1) How does the way your community looks along **US 1** (features such as building styles, signage and landscaping) affect **your quality of life**?
 - a) Positively
 - b) Negative
 - c) No effect
 - d) Don't Know IIII
- 2) How does the way your community looks along **US 1** affect **visitors' satisfaction** with their vacation experiences?
 - a) Positively
 - b) Negative
 - c) No effect
 - d) Don't Know ### #

3)	Which of the following changes to the look of your community along US 1 would YOU like to see? (Please rank the 3 most important in order of preference, where #1 is your highest priority). Create 'Community Gateway Entrances' Improve bike/pedestrian pathways					
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		Preserve and enhance local building styles				
	Ensure new buildings that respe		nunity architectural styles			
•	Discourage chain/franchise reta		,			
•		Improve the quantity and quality of landscaping/parks				
	No change					
	Don't Know					
(Other					
	Generic Questions					
1.	 A) Please indicate the Florida Keys community in which YOU live: † District One: Key West (mile marker 0-4) † District Two: Key West – South end of 7 Mile Bridge (mile markers 4 to 47) † District Three: 7 Mile Bridge to Long Key Bridge (mile markers 47-63) † District Four: Long Key Bridge to mid-Plantation Key (mile marker 63 - 87.5) † District Five: mile marker 87.5 North (including portions of the mainland that are included in Monroe County) 					
		-3 years nore than 10 years	† †4-5 years			
2.	Are you a full time resident ? † YE How many months per year do you liv					
3	Please indicate your work status :					
٥.	† #retired	† twork	full time in Monroe County			
	† Work part time in Monroe County		full time outside Monroe County			
	† twork part time outside Monroe Cou		multiple jobs			
4.	What is your age?					
5.	How do YOU prefer to get involved i (Please rank the choices in order of preference a) Workshops b) Panel Discussions c) Official Public Meetings	0				
	d)Surveys					
	d)Surveys e)Local Civic Groups f) TV	Please	e specify:			

	h) Interneti) Radioj) Direct Mailk) Other		
6.	Do YOU belong to any local organizations , associations or clubs? † YES † NO		
	If YOU answered YES to the below	nis question, please name them on the spaces provide	
		ke to volunteer to assist with local tourism planning, or suggestions you'd like to make:	